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MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 3 May 2004, time for response to which was set to expire 3 August 2004. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 3 September 2004 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. The pending claims, claims 14-17 and 19, were rejected. Applicant greatly appreciates the thoughtfulness, courtesy and consideration extended their undersigned representative by Examiners Yang, Gabel, and Lankford at an interview on 2 August 2004. The discussion was extremely helpful and the discussion of the contents of the cited documents resulted in a proposed amendment which appeared to be satisfactory to place the claims in a position for allowance. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and to the discussion at the interview, and the following amendment and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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